

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 4, lines 20-28, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Figure 7A-7B. Figure 7A-7B provides codon usage for yeast. The first field of information on each line of the table contains a three-letter code for an amino acid. The second field contains an unambiguous codon for that amino acid. The third field lists the number of occurrences of that codon in the genes from which the table is compiled. The fourth field lists the expected number of occurrences of that codon per 1,000 codons in genes whose codon usage is identical to that compiled in the codon frequency table. The last field contains the fraction of occurrences of the codon in its synonymous codon family.

Figure 8A-8B. Figure 8A-8B provides codon usage for *Drosophila*.

Figure 9A-9B. Figure 9A-9B provides codon usage for *E. coli*.

Figure 13A-13B. Figure 13A-13B illustrates the localization of FGF-23 mRNA in mouse brain. Consecutive coronal sections of the brain were hybridized with an ³⁵S-labeled mouse FGF-23 antisense (A) or sense probe (B) and exposed to X-ray film. An arrow indicates the ventrolateral thalamic nucleus.

Figure 15A-15B. Figure 15A-15B provides an alignment of members of the FGF family, indicating putative cleavage sites for FGF-23.